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1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BONN'S JUDGMENT IN PARA 1 REF (A)
THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE FRG WILL AGREE
TO TABLING OF NATIONAL SUBTOTALS FOR DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FRG REPS HERE, IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS
WITH US, AND IN THEIR INSTRUCTED STATEMENTS IN SPC
(REFS (B), (C) AND (DALN HAVE NOT GONE BEYOND SAYING THAT
EVENTUAL FRG AGREEMENT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. THEY HAVE
ALSO BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO INDICATE THAT A FINAL DECISION
MAY BE EXPECTED SOON, AND HAVE REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON
WHETHER A DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED EVEN BY THE
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OPENING OF THE NEXT ROUND. BONN IN PARA 4 REF (A)
THOUGHT THE FRG MAY HAVE LEFT THE IMPRESSION IN SPC
THAT FRG AGREEMENT TO TABLING NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA IS
JUST A QUESTION OF TIME, BUT WE SEE NO RPT NO SUCH IMPLICATION
IN ANYTHING THE FRG HAS SAID HERE.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE US POLICY OF NOT PRESSING
THE FRG ON THIS QUESTION REMAINS CORRECT, NOT ONLY FOR
GENERAL POLITICAL REASONS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IF THE
FRG HAD TO TAKE A FINAL DECISION NOW IT WOULD BE

NEGATIVE. THE NATO STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS OF DISAGGREGATION REQUESTED BY THE FRG IS IN OUR VIEW SOMETHING THE FRG MUST HAVE. THE POSSIBILITY OF A STUDY DEFERS THE NEED FOR THE FRG TO TAKE A FINAL DECISION, AND OFFERS THOSE FRG OFFICIALS WHO WISH TO TABLE NATIONAL SUBTOTALS A MEANS TO CONTINUE THE ARGUMENT.

3. THE FRG SEEMS TO BE ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF ITS THINKING ON ALTERNATIVE MODELS. THE UK DELEGATION, WHICH HAS TAKEN THE LEAD HERE IN URGING THE TABLING OF NATIONAL SUBTOTALS, BELIEVES THAT LONDON HAS DONE MORE WORK ON THE SUBJECT THAN BONN, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE UK TO GIVE THE FRG A BRIEF PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. THE UK DELEGATION MAY RECOMMEND THIS TO LONDON. THE UK DELEGATION ALSO HAS ASKED IF THE US HAD ANY PLANS YET ON HOW TO PROCEED, AND WE REPLIED THAT WE AS YET HAD NO REACTION FROM WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE US MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER GIVING THE FRG A BRIEF PAPER ON ALTERNATIVE MODELS. IF THE US DOES DECIDE TO GIVE THE FRG SUCH A PAPER, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT ARGUE ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION, BUT SIMPLY PRESENT FACTS, WHICH FRG MBFR OFFICIALS MAY USE IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THEIR GOVERNMENT. SUCH A PAPER SHOULD BE DESIGNED WITH AN EYE TOWARD EVENTUAL TABLING IN THE SPC, SINCE THE FRG WISHES A
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NATO STUDY.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY WRITTEN INPUTS IN SPC SHOULD SERVE ONLY AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID THE DRAFTING OF AN AGREED SPC PAPER ON THE SUBJECT, UNLESS THE FRG SHOULD STRONGLY FAVOR THIS COURSE, SINCE IT WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY TIME-CONSUMING TO DRAFT AN AGREED PAPER. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE FRG HAS NOT SAID SO YET, IT MAY WELL WANT AN AGREED NATO PAPER.

5. FINALLY, AS NOTED IN REF (D), WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD AT THE APRIL 14 SPC MEETING MAKE AN INSTRUCTED REPLY TO THE FRG PROPOSAL OF A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS OF DATA DISAGGREGATION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO STATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN SUCH AN EFFORT. WE ASSUME THAT THE FRG WILL NOT PURSUE FURTHER ITS PROPOSAL THAT EACH SIDE TABLE THE DATA WHICH CORRESPONDS TO ITS OWN NEGOTIATING PROGRAM. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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